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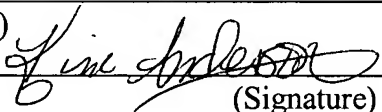
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This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 13, 2005. Accompanying this Amendment includes a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R § 1.114 and an Information Disclosure Statement.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.